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1. The production goal of the Wonsan (127-26, 39-10) Blue-Gold Mine in 1947 was 470 kilograms. On 10 November 1947 the managers of the mine reported falsely to the Industrial Bureau of the North Korean government that they had reached 102.2 percent of the quota. This quota had been missed by a considerable amount, since the report was based on the amount of mined or available and not on the refined product.
2. In 1948 the production goal for Blue-Gold was 740 kilograms. This represents approximately 44,000 tons of ore. The maximum refining capacity of the mine is not over 180 tons per day. To achieve the stated goal the mine must be operated seven days each week. With the present equipment and personnel this is impossible. Consequently, although the figures for 1948 production are not yet available, it is evident that this goal could not have been reached.

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Comment. Blue-gold (Ch'ong Kum 青金) is reported to be 60 percent gold and 40 percent silver.

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